

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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Bernie:

Attached is a CIA Ops Center description of a new State daily all-source publication which the State Ops Center and INR produce for SecState.

CIA's Ops Center would like to obtain this daily brief for the DCI and other top CIA officials, as well as White House Sit Room. It could be handled on a very restrictive basis. Would be extremely useful in helping set context for the PDB.

Suggest DCI may wish to mention above to SecState. If latter approves dissem to CIA and White House, Ben Evans could work with Peter Tarnoff to set up arrangements for handling via State and CIA Ops Centers.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: 

FYI -

Vince and I feel the Director
ought to have State summary.



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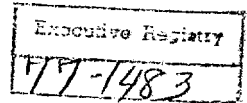
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT : State Department Morning Publications

Same:

1. The State Department ceased publication of the Secretary's Morning Cable Summary effective 19 April, proposing to substitute for it an all-source morning briefing aid prepared jointly by the Operations Center and the Bureau of Intelligence and Research. We were told that once the new publication had weathered a "dry run" and been accepted by State's leadership that the Agency would be included in its dissemination electrically or via long distance xerography. When several weeks passed the Director of the Operations Center took advantage of a chance encounter with Roger Gamble of State's Operations Center during a FPA-sponsored meeting to inquire about it; at the same time I sought its release via Dolores Wahl of INR's current production shop, an adjunct to State's Center.

2. Gamble promised Vince the new summary would be forthcoming; Dolores said the same thing. Late last week I phoned Dolores and learned that the issue of whether to send it to us has been bucked to Hal Saunders. He is said to favor the idea, subject to some restriction over internal dissemination, and proposes to raise it with you.

3. You will recall that the original Morning and Afternoon Summaries were very tightly held. From about mid-1964 through the opening of the Paris Peace Talks, they were received by long distance xerography, read only by the duty officer in the Operations Center as a hedge against conflict with the President's Daily Brief and then sent "EYES ONLY" in a sealed envelope to the DCI. Over time, State began to send them electrically to the Secretary when he travelled and then broadened dissemination to include Governor Harriman and Mr. Vance at the outset of the Paris Talks and then the SALT Delegation, MBFR, etc. State then opted for electrical dissemination to us, the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman, JCS.

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4. That remained the practice for the morning version, for the duration of the Nixon and Ford Administrations and Mr. Kissinger's secretaryship--although publication of an afternoon version ceased. Over time, however, because the Summary excluded COMINT and sensitive State and Agency reporting, Mr. Kissinger began to favor and then read exclusively a daily, all-source briefing memorandum. Hal Saunders had begun

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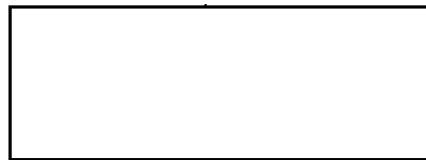
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in a Mid-East framework while the men were at the NSC and later expanded world-wide when both went over to State. Saunders has continued the practice for Mr. Vance.

5. As we understand it, the new briefing aid is an amalgam of the old Summary and Saunders' daily memorandum. That being so, it probably reflects NODIS and STAYDIS cable traffic, as well as Agency and NSA reporting, and Saunders may well seek assurances that dissemination will be tightly controlled.

6. In later years, we sent the Summary to the O/DCI, DDCI/IC, O/DDI, etc., with a copy to the Chief of the White House Support Staff. Should Saunders agree to release the new publication, we can be equally or more restrictive.

7. We believe that the DCI would find it a valuable in-put to his thinking.



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CIA Operations Center

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